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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, ICAO, UR

SUBJECT: POLITICIZATION OF ICAO

**REF: STATE 167737** 

- 1. ACTING E/C COUNSELOR, ACCOMPANIED BY CIVAIROFF, JULY 26 MADE DEMARCHE ON CHANGE OF VOTING PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF ICAO SECRETARIAL BUREAU DIRECTORS TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TREATY AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR GORODETSKAYA, USING SUB-PARAGRAPHS ONE, TWO, AND FOUR OF PARA 12 OF REFTEL. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING GOVERNMENT OF USSR'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. PAPER CONTAINING THESE POINTS WAS LEFT WITH HER.
- 2. GORODETSKAYA RESPONDED THAT MFA WOULD TRANSMIT USG VIEWS TO MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION WHERE SPECIALISTS ON ICAO MATTERS WORK, AND WOULD LET US KNOW.
- 3. TREATY AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT KNEW SUBJECT OF DEMARCHE BEFOREHAND, SO MERE TRANSMISSION OF VIEWS TO MINCIVAIR CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION MFA NOTE-TAKER EXPLAINED THAT TECHNICAL MATTERS WERE PROVINCE F ICAO SECTION AND MFA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICAL QUESTIONS. ACTING E/C COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT PERHAPS WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A POLITICAL DECISION TO MAINTAIN THE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF ICAO.

4. WE PLAN INFORMAL A	PPROACH TO MINCIVAL	R THROUGH BILATERA
CONTACTS NEXT WEEK.	TOON	

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